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1. Metalimport is officially in charge of all car imports for Rumania, but in fact it imports cars from Czechoslovakia only. Imports from the USSR are handled by Technoimport (see below) and American cars are bought with secret funds, without the participation of any import company. In May 1951 a trade mission was sent to Czechoslovakia to arrange for the purchase of Skoda 1101 cars for the use of the Rumanian Army.
2. Technoimport originated from the former German firm Motorex, which was at first taken over by the Soviets and later released by them, and handed over to the Rumanians. It is located in Bucharest on Boulevard N. Balcescu No. 22 in the building of the former Sun Company. Its General Manager is a Russian by the name of Degen. Car imports from the USSR are handled by Technoimport, which was for some time a Soviet firm and has the necessary connections there.
3. In addition to Soviet cars the following articles are imported by Technoimport:

Automobile spare parts  
Telephone exchanges  
Surgical instruments  
Microscopes  
Binoculars  
Cameras  
Typewriters  
Calculating machines  
Duplicating machines  
Navigation instruments  
Slide rules, compasses  
Instruments for testing the hardness  
of steel, covering quality of paint,  
resistance of leather.  
Chemical and pharmaceutical products  
Russian penicillin  
Prismatic lathes.

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